

Yes.

BOC's could only have been built up through enormous cooperation with local communities, securing rights of way and all manner of needed infrastructure -- they could never have gotten where they are by themselves. The 1996 Telecom Act also recognizes an essential interest that the public has in appropriate access to this resource built of a shared effort. When ISP's purchase access through them it benefits the public. Please don't let the short-term self-interest of big businesses talk you out of this position; letting them do so would be to their own long-term detriment, because the public, we voters, inevitably sooner or later wake up to and reassert our own legitimate interest, often with great resulting harm to monopolies.